

MEDIA, PA—On April 16, 2009, Congressman Joe Sestak (PA-07) visited Indian Lane Elementary School in Media, Pa., to sit down for an interview in the school's TV studio with a fifth-grader, Charlie. The interview was broadcast to the school's 500 students as part of the Broadcast Club's News on the Lane special segment: "Community Chat."

"I'm a big advocate for accountability and transparency in government—I look forward to taking questions from my constituents everywhere I go. Just don't ask me anything too hard," the Congressman joked.

Charlie's questions included: When you were growing up did you ever think about running for Congress? What made you decide to go into the Navy? And, what would you like to tell Indian Lane students who are thinking about a career in politics?

The Congressman discussed many of the positions he has held in his career, from being an Admiral in the Navy, to working in the White House for President Bill Clinton, to serving in Congress as the federal representative of the 7th Congressional District.

*Born and raised in Delaware County, former 3-star Admiral Joe Sestak served in the Navy for 31 years and now serves as the Representative from the 7th District of Pennsylvania. He led a series of operational commands at sea, including Commander of an aircraft carrier battle group of 30 U.S. and allied ships with over 15,000 sailors and 100 aircraft that conducted operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. After 9/11, Joe was the first Director of "Deep Blue," the Navy's anti-terrorism unit that established strategic and operations policies for the "Global War on Terrorism." He served as President Clinton's Director for Defense Policy at the National Security Council in the White House, and holds a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University. According to the office of the House Historian, Joe is the highest-ranking former military officer ever elected to the U.S. Congress.*

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